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SEVERE WESTERN BLIZZARD.

Most Serious Storm in Years, Snow Drifts Six to Ten Feet Deep Impeding Movements of Trains.

Denver, Col., Dec. 22.—The blizzard that raged on Friday and Saturday in eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Kansas and Nebraska was the most serious in years to the railroads as far as the interruption of traffic is concerned. All trains on the Union Pacific and Burlington roads were delayed at least twenty-four hours, and some trains due Saturday morning only reached Denver Sunday night. This is true of trains over the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific. Along this line snow drifts from six to ten feet deep made the movement of trains impossible until the tracks would be cleared. Perhaps the storm was most severe on the Denver & Alliance branch of the Burlington. This line runs to the Black Hills, and trains which left Denver on Friday were only released from their wedged positions in the drift Sunday. One train, which was completely hidden from sight by the snow, was relieved by snow plows from Alliance, Neb. A supply train was run from Mercer, Neb., with fuel and provisions to provide for the needs of the imprisoned passengers. It required desperate work to reach the stalled train through the blinding storm and almost impenetrable drifts. The attention of the railroads Sunday was directed to getting the trains going on schedule time again, and it is expected usual conditions on the Burlington and Union Pacific will soon prevail.

PRESIDENT IN VIRGINIA.

The Family Attends Church in the Morning and Goes Horseback Riding in the Afternoon.

Rapidan, Va., Dec. 22.—In a driving rain the president, Mrs. Roosevelt and four of her children, accompanied by their host, Mr. Joseph W. Wilmer, went horseback riding Sunday morning. The party left the Wilmer mansion shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon and did not return until five o'clock. It had rained here hard and incessantly since an early hour Saturday night. Sunday morning the president and his family and Mr. Wilmer drove to the picturesque little Episcopal church in Rapidan to attend divine service. The trip was made in a big carriage capable of seating comfortably ten persons. It was drawn by four horses, Mr. Wilmer himself driving. Not more than a score of worshippers braved the storm to attend the service. No reference was made by the rector, Dr. Cross, to the president. At the conclusion of the services Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt were greeted cordially by the pastor and the few members of the parish present, the introductions being made by Mr. Wilmer. Owing to the severe reinstorm the wild turkey hunt will be abandoned.

THE HUMBERTS ARRESTED.

Notorious Parisian Swindlers Captured in Madrid After a Successful Career of Twenty Years.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—Mme. Humbert, the chief actress in a swindle which duped Paris bankers out of \$12,000,000 and whose bold scheme defied detection for more than twenty years, is a prisoner in the hands of the Madrid police.

Mme. Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert, and the three d'Aurignacs, Romain, Emilie and Marie, were arrested here Saturday.

When arrested, one of the family handed a package containing \$45,000 to some people who lived in the same house with them. This package has been sent to the French consulate.

The Humberts are being well treated in prison. They are permitted to have their meals sent in from a neighboring restaurant. They all occupy separate cells, are carefully watched and are not allowed to receive visitors.

MARCONI'S GREAT SUCCESS.

The Inventor Has Sent Wireless Messages Between Cape Breton, N. S., and Cornwall, England.

New York, Dec. 22.—The following dispatch from Marconi, dated Glace Bay, N. S., December 21, has been received here:

"I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguration messages, including one from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII. have already been transmitted and forwarded to the kings of England and Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P. 'G. MARCONI'."

Confirmed by London Times.

London, Dec. 22.—The London Times confirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraph from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S.

Death of Elias Haas.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Elias Haas, aged 77 years, died Friday, after an illness of nearly five weeks. Mr. Haas retired from active commercial pursuits about fifteen years ago, but previous to that time was one of the most widely-known retail merchants of the city.

Candidate for Re-Election.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Gov. Beckham has issued an address formally announcing his candidacy for the democratic nomination for re-election for a full term of four years.

Mississippi State News

Applause in Murder Case.

The effect of applause on an audience on a murder verdict was considered recently by the Supreme Court in the Raines case, from Lee county, and there was an intimation that a case might arise in which such a manifestation would warrant a reversal as having had too great an influence on the jury. Private John Allen, closing counsel in the case, had made the closing speech for the prosecution, and as he took his seat he was greeted with an enthusiastic burst of applause from the audience in the court room, which was promptly checked by the presiding judge. The remarks made by the Supreme Court on the subject of the applause of Mr. Allen's speech were construed by certain individuals in North Mississippi as a legal inhibition against laughing at John Allen's jokes, and the result was that considerable excitement arose in Northeast Mississippi over this mistaken interpretation of the court's decision, which was in fact based on other grounds. Jourdan Boone, of Corinth, who was in Jackson last week, looked up the decision and found that it did not affect the right of the people in Lee and neighboring counties to smile at Mr. Allen's jests and he was consequently much relieved. "We have been laughing at Mr. Allen's jokes for nearly twenty years," said Mr. Boone, "and I doubt if even a decision of the Supreme Court could wear the people from their ancient rights in that respect."

Copiah School Trouble.

County Superintendent of Education Wilson of Copiah county was in Jackson last week in consultation with the State board of education in regard to the school trouble in his county. Superintendent Wilson is made the defendant in a mandamus suit brought by the county attorney in behalf of the board of supervisors of the county to compel the superintendent to run the public schools for six months. According to Mr. Wilson, there is not enough money in the school fund to run the schools for this length of time, and he cannot run them on credit. He cannot legally issue a warrant to a teacher unless there is money in the treasury to the credit of the school fund. To do so would make him liable on his bond for the amount of the warrant. State Superintendent Whitfield went over the matter with Superintendent Wilson and decided to go down to Copiah to look into the case with a view to adjusting the trouble. Superintendent Wilson states that he is more than willing to run the schools for six months if the funds can be provided in any manner to pay for the same.

Cotton Decision.

A decision handed down by the Supreme Court at Jackson is of considerable interest, as it settles the responsibility for the disastrous cotton fire which occurred two winters ago at Vicksburg. The cotton which caught fire was stored on an open lot contiguous to the line of the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway, and it was alleged that the fire had its origin in the sparks from a passing locomotive. A test case was brought in the Supreme Court by one of the firms involved, who sued for \$2,500 and won, appealed by the railroad company, affirmed by the Supreme Court. The same fire involved the loss of over \$25,000 worth of cotton and it is probable other suits will be filed.

Married at Carrollton.

Mr. Eugene Neal, cashier of the Peoples' Bank at Carrollton, and Miss Lillian Lanham, of Lebanon, Ky., gave their many friends quite a surprise by taking the train to Winona last week, where they were quietly married.

Rotting of Cotton.

Ex-State Treasurer G. W. Carlisle, who has just returned to Jackson from the delta, reports that the planters are much discouraged over the rotting of cotton caused by the rains. All of the late crop cotton is said to be ruined practically by wet weather. The planters had counted upon making this crop or a large part of it, and the failure, Mr. Carlisle thinks, will affect the average expected.

A Unique Point.

In the Supreme Court there will be argued in January a criminal case which will present one of the most unique questions ever presented to any court before. The case is that of the State against Tom Pulpus, convicted of murder in Chickasaw county, and his attorneys have appealed against the judgment of the lower court, setting up, among other things, that the jury in the case of Pulpus were influenced in making up their verdict by a campaign speech made by Maj. Vardaman on the day the court was organized. The bill of exceptions in setting up this ground for reversal of the judgment recites that the speech of Maj. Vardaman aroused so much prejudice and race antagonism in the minds of the jurors summoned for the extra term that they did not give the defendant a fair and impartial hearing. Pulpus was sentenced to be hanged.

Fruit Growers' Association.

The Hoffman Fruit Growers' Association was organized at Durant last week. A transportation committee, composed of S. A. Montgomery, John Brister and E. A. Pugh was appointed to confer with representatives of the express company relative to lower shipping rates and to enlist the co-operation of the growers of fruit and strawberries at Durant, West and Goodman in an endeavor to secure lower transportation rates and a reduction on box material. S. A. Montgomery delivered an able and well received address on the necessity of unity.

Home Products Boosted.

Home manufactured products were given a boost at Jackson, when the railroad commission established a special schedule of rates on home cotton piece goods, machinery and clothing, to apply to all roads and become effective February 1st. The commission has had the matter under consideration for some time, and several conferences have been had with the railroad people. The schedule of rates is as follows: Cotton piece goods, over one line, 40 cents per 100; two lines, 50 cents; three lines, 60 cents. Machinery, over one line, 25 cents; two lines, 35 cents; three lines, 45 cents. This is in carload lots, the minimum carload being 20,000 pounds. Clothing, one line, 65 cents; two lines, 75 cents; three lines, 85 cents.

Lost Legs and Life.

J. H. Naples, expert tester of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, had both legs cut off by a switch engine in the Central yards at Jackson last week and died. Naples brought two engines from Scranton, Pa. to that city for the Gulf & Ship Island railroad. He fired the engines and was examining them preparatory to making run tests down the Gulf & Ship Island road when he was struck by the switch engine. He was carried to the Jackson Sanatorium and everything possible was done for him. Naples was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Vicksburg Gets Back Taxes.

City Assessor R. M. Kelly of Vicksburg has been notified by the revenue agent, Wirt Adams, to collect assessments upon the sum of about three millions of property made by the recent back tax investigations. This will give the city treasury about \$60,000 for its share.

Killed His Stepfather.

Allison E. Blade, a 16-year-old boy, at Natchez last week shot and killed his stepfather, Albert Clement, while the latter was in the act of assaulting the boy's mother with an ax. Blade is a tinner's apprentice and his stepfather a hard drinker, who has spent several terms on the county farm. Blade surrendered and is now in jail.

Young Hunter Killed.

Powell Franklin, son of J. E. Franklin, a prominent farmer of the eastern part of Lafayette county, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his own gun while hunting last week.

Negro Train Wrecker Convicted.

Henry Wright, the negro charged with wrecking the train on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road, near Blakely, on March 20, was convicted last week, the jury being out only five minutes.

ACCIDENT TO OCEAN LINER.

The Deutschland Damaged to Such Extent that Four Months Will Be Required for Repairs.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 22.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland arrived here at a quarter past two Sunday afternoon.

When she was nearing the Scilly islands a cylinder burst and the star-board engine was badly damaged. It will require four months to effect repairs. One engineer was rather badly scalded. The steamer left here at three o'clock for Cherbourg and Hamburg.

The accident on the Deutschland happened at half past one o'clock Sunday morning. For a time the vessel was in complete darkness and filled with escaping steam. The passengers were greatly alarmed. They rushed from their cabins, anxiously making inquiries as to what had occurred. Excellent discipline was maintained; everybody was assured that there was no danger, and the excitement gradually subsided.

With the exception of the engineer, who was caught in the escaping steam, the Deutschland's officers say that no other member of the engine room staff was seriously injured. The repairs will cost several thousand pounds. The steamer came into port using her port engines alone, at a speed of 16 knots.

A VESSEL BURNING AT SEA.

Large Ship on Fire Twenty Miles from Boston—Sea Too Rough for Help to Reach Her.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—It is believed that a large vessel, either a tank steamer with oil or a sailing craft loaded with some highly inflammable material, was burned Sunday night in Massachusetts bay, about twenty miles outside of Boston harbor. A life-saving crew from West Gloucester made a strong effort to reach her, but a stiff southeast gale drove them back when they were still ten miles away from the burning ship. About 10:30 o'clock Sunday night two Boston fishermen came into port and reported that they passed within two miles of the burning vessel, but did not attempt to ascertain her identity. The crew of one of them, which passed to the leeward, reported smelling burning oil and stated that the vessel was a very large one. These two fishermen passed the burning vessel about half past eight, but at 10:30 o'clock she could be seen from shore, burning fiercely.

About 10:30 o'clock Sunday night the Boston schooners Gertrude and Emma W. Brown came in, both having passed within a short distance of the burning vessel, but neither was able to give her name or tell of the fate of the crew.

Both agreed that the vessel was a large one and that she looked like a tank steamer.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED.

Several Hundred Sacks of Mail for the West Burned in a Car on the New York Central.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Official report of the burning of a carload of Christmas mail en route for the west was made here at 3:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the crew of mail clerks arriving here from New York on the fast mail No. 3 on the New York Central, which left New York at 8:45 a. m. Only twenty or thirty out of seven or eight hundred pouches were saved, the burned mail being for Chicago and points further west. Some of the mail was destined for the Philippines and Fiji Islands. The mail sacks were in a storage car, which carried no clerks. The crew was on the car behind, and discovered the fire between Peekskill and Highland. The car was left burning at the latter station.

TRAGEDY NEAR LIBERTY, MO.

Joseph Foley Shoots and Kills Mrs. Wilson and Then Blows His Own Head Off.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 22.—Joseph Foley, Sunday, shot and killed Mrs. James B. Wilson, and then with a shotgun literally blew off his own head, at the Wilson farm, near here. Foley was formerly employed by the Wilsons, and while drunk he went there Sunday to borrow a gun. He handled the gun so recklessly that Mrs. Wilson remonstrated with him, when he shot and killed her without provocation. He then killed himself. Foley was 24 years old, was a cousin of J. S. Foley, who three years ago was charged with killing his mother and sister. Mrs. Wilson was 35 years old.

Hanged at New Roads, La.

New Roads, La., Dec. 21.—Willis Williams, colored, burglar and murderer, was hanged here, Friday, in the presence of at least a thousand people. The crime for which Williams was executed was the murder of young Albert Herbert, at Fordach station.

Each Gave a Penny a Year.

Hiawatha, Kan., Dec. 21.—Squire Herbert celebrated his eightieth birthday at Thursday, and all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present. Each gave the aged man 80 pennies. The coins filled a coal scuttle.

More Work for Bowen.

London, Dec. 21.—A special dispatch from Brussels says the Dutch minister to Venezuela, Dr. Van Leyden, had been recalled and that Dutch interests in Venezuela had been committed to United States Minister Bowen.

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